W. T. PRESTON

Anacortes waterfront, at the foot of Seventh Street on R Avenue, Anacortes

W. T. Preston (1929), known as "the last of the Puget Sound sternwheelers," is one of two surviving U.S. Army Corps of Engineers snagboats and bucket dredges. Snagboats were part of a nationwide, decades-long commitment by the Army Corps to improve rivers and harbors throughout the country. W. T. Preston worked nearly 11 months of each year removing large pieces of driftwood, waterlogged pilings and logs, derelict boats, ships, airplanes, and debris from Puget Sound.